Sl. No.	State	Revenue Deficit
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	661.60
9.	Karnataka	1582.30
10.	Kerala	1950.30
11.	Madhya Pradesh	2538.70
12.	Maharashtra	3607.30
13.	Manipur	124.50
14.	Meghalaya	101.50
15.	Mizoram	58.80
16.	Orissa	1934.20
17.	Punjab	2386.40
18.	Rajasthan	3240.70
19.	Tamilnadu	3158.70
20.	Tripura	273.20
21.	Uttar Pradesh	5885.20
22.	West Bengal	7525.00

Sources: State Finance, Reserve Bank of India, December, 2000.

Delay in refund and allotment of PAN

†2657. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that considerable delay takes place in the refund of amount and allotment of Permanent Account Number by Income Tax Department in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to take any concrete steps to expedite the same; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN); (a) to (c) The Central Board of Direct Taxes keeps on issuing instructions from time to time for prompt issue of income tax refunds. In addition, in the Finance Bill, 2001, the time limit for issue of refund is proposed to be reduced from two years from the end of the assessment year to one year from the end of the financial year in which the retun of income is made. With regard to PAN, out of 2,02,71,569 applications 1,96,41,824

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

applications have been processed upto 31st December, 2000 and 1,82,66,786 Permanent Account Numbers have been allotted. The balance figures represent application with deficiency and those received in the recent months. All out efforts are made for expeditious allotment of PAN and timely issue of refunds.

Increase in Subsidies

†2658. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. D. MASTHAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a continuous increase in the amount of subsidy in the country;

(b) if so, the estimated percentage of increase in the amount during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001; and

(c) whether the common people of this country are getting the advantage of this subsidy; if not, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALA SAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) and (b) As will be seen from Annexure 3.1 of the Expenditure Budget Volume I presented in the Parliament on 28 February, 2001, subsidies increased from Rs. 23593 crore in 1998-99 to Rs. 26949 crore in R.E. 2000-2001. The percentage increase over the previous year during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 (RE) was 27%, 5% and 9% respectively; and

(c) It is the constant endeavour of the Government to ensure that the subsidies reach the targeted beneficiaries.

Oil Refineries in the Country

2659. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and location of different refineries in the country, company-wise;

(b) the installed capacity and the actual capacity utilisation of those refineries in 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to expand the capacity of the existing refineries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?